



# Annual Poster Contest for 5th Graders

- **Theme:** State Parks: Where camping is fun!
- **Format:** Any medium acceptable. (Bright colors and dark outlines are encouraged.)
- **Size:** No larger than 9" X 14"  
No smaller than 8 1/2" x 11"  
3/4" white border

- **Prizes:**

First Place: Backpack filled with equipment and field guides, and a subscription to *Montana Outdoors* magazine - \$200 value

Second Place: Backpack and magazine-\$150 value

Third Place: Backpack and magazine - \$100 value

The first place winner's school will receive transportation for a field trip for 5th graders to the Montana State Park of their choice.\*

\*Limited to 2 busses for one full day.

- **Deadline: April 8, 2011**

Choose your favorite  
Montana State Park  
and use your artistic talents  
to show what your camping trip  
would look like!



## **State Parks are Your Classrooms**

### **Camping in Montana State Parks!**

**Camping is one of the top activities in Montana State Parks. With twenty-five parks offering camping, there are a multitude of options for the outdoor enthusiast. Campers can pitch a tent, stay in a recreational vehicle, or rent a tipi, cabin or yurt.**

**What kind of outdoor experience do you want when you are camping? Having an idea of where to go and what to do will help in planning an exciting, fun-filled camping trip with friends and family. Your campsite is your base camp to exploration. Pick one of the 25 state parks that offer camping and show us what the ideal camping trip would be like through your original art. Show what you might see or experience on your trip.**

**All Montana 5th grade students are invited to investigate the State Parks website, select a specific state park, and with their artwork, show others how much fun camping can be!**

**[fwp.mt.gov/parks](http://fwp.mt.gov/parks)**

## Poster Theme

Theme: **State Parks: Where camping is fun!**

Students can visit the State Parks Web site at [fwp.mt.gov/parks](http://fwp.mt.gov/parks). As the students visit the website to learn about why each park is historically or naturally significant, they can select the particular park about which they enjoyed learning.

Students may interpret this unique contest theme in any way they feel appropriate. They are encouraged to explore their own thoughts and feelings.

## Purpose

To enhance students' understanding and awareness of Montana State Parks, to provide an opportunity for children to use their creative talents to illustrate the unique characteristics of State Parks, and to encourage students to use the Internet as an educational tool.

## Eligible Participants

Montana 5th Graders in public, private and home schools

## Contest Rules

Questions? Call (406) 444-3750 or e-mail [cstrobel@mt.gov](mailto:cstrobel@mt.gov)

1. Students can choose any medium to create their poster, however bright colors and dark outlines are strongly encouraged.
2. Posters can be **no larger** than 9" x 14" and no smaller than 8 ½" x 11". Leave at least a **3/4" white border** around artwork for matting and framing should the poster be chosen.
3. All entries must be the original work of an individual student. Parents, friends and others may help the student research the subject, but ideas for the entry and art must be the student's work.
4. Entries done by two or more students together are not permitted.
5. Students must put the name of the state park and a completed official entry form on the back of the poster.
6. The winning posters will become the exclusive property of the Parks Division, FWP Department, for the time the posters are displayed around the state and will be returned directly to winners upon completion of tour. All other entries will be returned to the school after the contest judging is completed.

Each participating school must choose what they feel are the **top three posters** that will be sent to Helena to be judged as finalists. The judging process is entirely up to the school. You, the teacher, may select the winning posters. If you have more than one fifth grade class, you can work together to select the three winning posters from all the classes. Another option is to create a judging panel for the school competition. Judges could include retired teachers, administrators, PTA members, artists, or anyone with an interest and willing to volunteer some time.

## Judging

The participating schools are asked to submit their top three selections as finalists in the contest. Once the final posters are received in Helena, a panel of judges will select the first place winner, a second place poster, a third place poster, and honorable mentions. Criteria to be considered in judging will be: creativity, imagination, expression of theme, originality, design, use and control of medium. Winners will be announced by April 29, 2011.

## Prizes

First place prize will be a backpack filled with outdoor equipment and field guides and a subscription to *Montana Outdoors* magazine (\$200 value). The second and third place prize will be a backpack filled with outdoor equipment and field guides and a subscription to *Montana Outdoors* magazine (\$150 and \$100 value respectfully). The winning artist's school will be reimbursed for transportation costs for a field trip for 5th graders to the Montana State Park of their choice. This is limited to two school busses for one full day. The winning entries will be displayed in the FWP headquarters in Helena and all regional headquarters around the state. At the conclusion of the tour, the framed artwork will be returned to the respective winners.

# 2011 Montana State Parks Poster Contest Entry Form

Cut out and tape this entry form to the back of each poster. Copy form as needed.

COUNTY:	NAME OF LOCAL PAPER:
T-SHIRT SIZE: (Please state whether Youth or Adult)	

STATE PARK DEPICTED ON POSTER: (Please note: Yellowstone and Glacier are national parks, not state parks.)
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STUDENT'S NAME:		LEGAL GUARDIAN'S NAME:	
HOME MAILING ADDRESS:		HOME TELEPHONE:	
CITY	ZIP:		

TEACHER'S NAME:		SCHOOL:	
SCHOOL TELEPHONE:		MAILING ADDRESS:	
CITY:	ZIP:		

I affirm that this is my own original work. \_\_\_\_\_  
(student's signature)

Postmark Deadline is: **Friday, April 8, 2011**

Mail to: **Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
State Parks Division, Poster Contest  
1420 East 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Helena, MT 59620**

Questions: (406) 444-3750

The promotion of and participation in the poster contest shall not exclude anyone from participating in, denying benefit of, or otherwise subject anyone to discrimination on the basis of race, sex, national origin, age, religion or disability.